

HIGHLIGHTS OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE KATRINA

The federal effort to save lives, sustain life, and support recovery and law enforcement operations in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina continues around the clock. The following facts highlight some of the important activities as of 4 p.m.:

Lives Saved	17,000
Citizens Evacuated	35,000
Shelters 499	People housed in shelters 135,000
National Guard personnel	35,000
U.S. Coast Guard personnel	4,000
FEMA responders	5,000
MREs provided (meals)	4.8 million
Water provided (liters)	11 million

- Plans to air evacuate 10,000 persons per day began Saturday with the largest emergency domestic airlift of people in U.S. history. Operations from the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport began Saturday.
- This is the largest and most comprehensive National Guard response to a natural disaster. The previous largest response was in 1989 during the California Loma Prieta earthquake, when 32,000 California Guardsmen were called up.
- The Environmental Protection Agency issued an advisory today urging the public to use caution when entering hurricane damaged homes and buildings. Individuals who are returning to their homes or businesses should remain alert for leaking containers and reactive household chemicals, as well as taking caution when handling building materials. For more information visit www.epa.gov.